

House Amendment 1365

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1 1 Amend House File 757 as follows:
1 2 #1. Page 3, by inserting after line 8 the
1 3 following:
1 4 <Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. 68A.408 CLEAN CAMPAIGN
1 5 PLEDGE PROGRAM == PENALTIES.
1 6 1. The general assembly finds that political
1 7 campaigns increasingly disparage or denigrate an
1 8 opposing candidate for public office by making
1 9 personal attacks and making inflammatory or misleading
1 10 statements. The general assembly further finds that
1 11 such campaign tactics impede a full and fair
1 12 discussion of campaign issues and diminish the trust
1 13 and confidence of the public in the electoral process.
1 14 2. A clean campaign pledge program is created
1 15 under the administration of the board. The board
1 16 shall allow a candidate for public office to
1 17 participate in the program by electronically signing
1 18 the clean campaign pledge on the board's internet
1 19 website. The website shall also contain a database,
1 20 available to the public, of current candidates for
1 21 public office who have signed the pledge.
1 22 a. The clean campaign pledge shall be displayed on
1 23 the website and shall provide:
1 24 "I pledge to abide by an exemplary standard of
1 25 conduct. During this campaign, I pledge to confine
1 26 any criticism of my opponent to campaign issues and
1 27 matters of public record and to avoid personal
1 28 attacks. I pledge to refrain from using inciting or
1 29 inflammatory language and from making misleading
1 30 statements. I further pledge to promptly disavow any
1 31 independent expenditure made on my behalf which
1 32 violates the standards established in this pledge."
1 33 b. When signed by the candidate the pledge is
1 34 binding on both the candidate and the candidate's
1 35 committee through the current election period or until
1 36 specifically withdrawn by the candidate.
1 37 c. The board shall develop a clean-campaign-pledge
1 38 logogram which shall be available for use by a
1 39 participating candidate in the candidate's campaign.
1 40 3. A candidate for public office who alleges
1 41 conduct in violation of a pledge made pursuant to this
1 42 section may file a complaint with the board.
1 43 The board shall give priority consideration to a
1 44 complaint filed under this section over all other
1 45 matters pending before the board. If the board
1 46 determines that a violation of a pledge made pursuant
1 47 to this section did occur, the board shall remove the
1 48 candidate from the program, prohibit the candidate
1 49 from any further use of the program logogram, and
1 50 publicly reprimand the candidate for violation of a
2 1 pledge made pursuant to this section. Other remedies
2 2 set out in section 68B.32D or section 68A.701 do not
2 3 apply to such violations.
2 4 4. The board shall adopt rules as necessary to
2 5 administer the clean campaign pledge program.>
2 6 #2. Title page, line 2, by inserting after the
2 7 word <candidates> the following: <, creating a clean
2 8 campaign pledge program,>.
2 9 #3. By renumbering as necessary.
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